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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SCHMIDT ET AL.

Examiner

Donald Heckenberg

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 10, 11 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 and 12-14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 10, 11, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bawa et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,732,715)

Bawa discloses a device for the manufacture of contact lenses. The device includes a mold half (22) from which a shaping beam outlet surface is spatially limited by radial lines (23), thereby constituting a diaphragm or radiation-impermeable layer (see cl. 2, ll. 33-40). As the diaphragm is enclosed completely surrounded by the mold half which is made radiation-transparent material (see Figs. 1 and 2).

3. Claims 2-9 and 12-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a radiation-transparent die half for a forming die or an optical assembly as defined in claims 2 or 12. The closest prior art disclosed by Bawa is described above. Bawa fails to teach or suggest the radiation-impermeably layer constructed in portions as defined in claims 2 or 12.

5. The following references cited but not relied upon are deemed pertinent to the instant application:

Cook et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,701,288) discloses a method of making articles of dissimilar polymer compositions.

Kretzschmar et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,782,460) discloses a process and device for the manufacture of mouldings.

Hagmann et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,800,225) discloses a process and device for the manufacture of mouldings.


6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Donald

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Heckenberg whose telephone number is (571) 272-1131. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith, can be reached at (571) 272-1166. The official fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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Donald Heckenberg
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